and the nature of the complaints made; and

(c) what action Government propose to take on the basis of the complaints made by some State Governments?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) In the meeting of the NDC on 19.6.1990, the Finance Minister stated that in keeping with conventions and traditions, the Ninth Finance Commission report has been accepted by the Government and it would not be possible to change the structure and broad recommendations made by the Commission.

(b) Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, M.P., Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan & Tamil Nadu and special category States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, J&K, Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram, Sikkim and Tripura expressed their reservations over some of the recommendations in the Ninth Finance Commission's Second Report. These related to over-estimation of States revenue receipts, under-estimation of their revenue expenditure including Plan revenue component, inadequate quantum of devolution and debt relief and provision for State Calamity Relief Fund, loss of revenue on account of implementation of prohibition policy, not providing assistance for covering the non-Plan revenue gap, methodology of estimation of normative revenue and expenditure and determination of the minimum revenue Plan expenditure, non-provision for infrastructural schemes for Bombay and for upgradation and special problems adoption of 1981 population for allocation of shares of additional excise duty instead of 1971 population, etc.

(c) The financial difficulties of the States will be considered selectively on merits and assistance extended where necessary in a phased manner within the overall resources available.

Enhancement of Rent by Punjab National Banks on Renewal of Leases

416. SHRI T.A. MOHAMMED SAQHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Punjab National Bank Headquarters office enters into a lease of 33 months and at the time of renewal of further lease gives enhancement of rent only after a period of three years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in all the other nationalised banks, including Punjab National Bank branches, the lease is entered into for a period of 33 months and the enhancement of rent is allowed immediately after completion of 33 months; and

(c) if the reply to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative what steps are being taken to remove the anomaly?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (c) Punjab National Bank has reported that it is a normal practice in the bank to hire residential accommodation for its officials for an initial period of 11 months followed by 2 options of 11 months each. The rent is normally increased after a period of 3 years as provided under the provisions of Delhi Rent Control Act, 1988. Information regarding the position obtaining in other nationalised banks is not readily available.

Acquisition of premises on lease/rental basis and the period of lease are matters of day-to-day operations of the banks and decisions in this regard are taken by banks themselves on commercial considerations and within the broad guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India in the matter.